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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 24th July 1961

No. Ch(1)-15(8)/61.—The price of bleaching powder in various sizes announced in Resolution No. CH(1)-31(44)/59, dated the 31st January, 1961, will continue to remain in force till 30th September, 1961.

G. C. L. JONEJA, Jt. Secy.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL.

New Delhi, the 24th July 1961

SUBJECT:—*Import policy for White printing paper (excluding laid marked paper) which contains mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70 per cent of the fibre content—S. No. 44/V—April—September, 1961 period.*

No. 92-ITC(PN)/61.—Attention of the importers is invited to remark (4) against S. No. 44/V in Section II of the current Red Book, according to which those Actual users whose entitlement would be 100 tons or above will be given licences to the extent of approximately 33-1/3 per cent for imports from free resources and the balance of 66-2/3 per cent from rupee payment countries against contracts entered into by State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. with various suppliers.

2. On a review of the position, it has now been decided that the Actual users whose entitlement is 100 tons and above will be permitted to encash the licences issued to them for import of newsprint from rupee account countries, to the extent of 50 per cent of the face value thereof for imports from U.S.A. and Canada. The imports from U.S.A. can be made against free foreign exchange which will be released for the purpose. The imports from Canada will be allowed under Colombo Plan Fund in accordance with the procedure set out in the Annexure to this Public Notice.

3. The importers desirous of availing of the above concession are requested to forward the licences issued to them for imports from rupee sources to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi, for necessary amendment and issue of fresh licences for imports of Newsprint from U.S.A. and Canada. The importers should also indicate the break-down of the quality and value of Newsprint desired to be imported by them separately from U.S.A. and Canada.

ANNEXURE TO PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 92-ITC(PN)/61, DATED 24TH JULY, 1961.

Procedure for Procurement of Newsprint from Canada under the Colombo Aid Programme 1961-1962.

- (i) Licences for the import of Newsprint from Canada will be issued to the newspaper establishments/S.T.C. on the basis of c.i.f. value with the endorsement on the Exchange Control Copy that they will be permitted to remit exchange to the extent of 15 per cent of the face value of the licence towards freight and insurance charges. The F.A.S. value of the Newsprint will be paid to the supplier in Canada by the Canadian Government from the Colombo Plan funds.
- (ii) The newspaper establishments in India will place their orders with the manufacturers/suppliers in Canada direct or through their Indian agents in India.
- (iii) Three copies of the orders placed together with the acceptance from Canadian manufacturers/suppliers or their agents in India should be forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs (Shri K. C. Sodhia, Under Secretary), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi and copies thereof should also be endorsed to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports (Newsprint Cell), New Delhi and the Registrar of Newspapers for India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi.
- (iv) The marine insurance should be obtained through Indian Insurance Companies as far as possible. In such case, the cost will be payable in rupees.
- (v) The Economic Affairs Department will forward the certified copies of the orders to the Canadian Government through the Indian High Commissioner in Canada. These communications will be accompanied by a statement that the Newsprint order forms part of the agreed programme for the supply of Newsprint by Canada under the Colombo Aid Programme.
- (vi) The Canadian Government will satisfy themselves that the prices of the Canadian suppliers for the Newsprint offered are reasonable and competitive and will so advise the Indian High Commissioner and the supplier to whom the orders will be transmitted.
- (vii) The Canadian suppliers will be responsible for obtaining any export licences for the materials in question.
- (viii) The payment to the Canadian suppliers for the newsprint F.A.S. vessels will be made by the Canadian Government who will forward the shipping documents to the Economic Affairs Department through the Indian High Commissioner. The Indian importer will pay to the Canadian supplier only freight and insurance charges (in case insurance is not obtained through Indian companies) besides the local costs in India.
- (ix) The Economic Affairs Department will forward shipping documents to the firms in India against payments of the rupee equivalent of the payments made by the Canadian Government to the Canadian suppliers. For this purpose the Head of Account into which the payment has to be made will be notified by the Economic Affairs Department and the rate of exchange will be on the basis of the selling rate of the Canadian dollar on the date of shipment.
- (x) No claims on account of demurrage or wharfage charges will be entertained by the Government of India.
- (xi) A monthly report will have to be furnished by the Indian firms to the C.C.I.&E./Registrar of Newspapers for India/Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Finance indicating the progress made in placing orders and arranging shipments under the Canadian Aid Programme.

SUBJECT:—*Small Value licences to Actual Users—Validity period of.*

No. 93-ITC(PN)/61.—Attention is invited to paragraph 66—Chapter 2—of the Import Trade Control Hand Book of Rules and Procedure, 1961 wherein it is provided that initial validity period of all the quota/*ad-hoc* licences granted to established importers valued upto Rs. 2,500 would be twelve months, even if the period of validity shown in the Red-Book is less than 12 months

2. It has now been decided that the above concession will also apply to all licences granted to Actual Users with effect from the current licensing period.

3. Para 66 of Chapter 2 of the Import Trade Control Hand Book of Rules and Procedure, 1961 should, accordingly, be substituted by the following:—

“66. *Validity of Small Value licences.*—A short period of validity sometimes caused hardship to the small importer. In order to lessen his difficulties, the period of validity of all the quota licences, *Ad-hoc* licences, or Actual Users licences valued upto Rs. 2,500 has been extended to 12 months, even if the period of validity shown in the Red Book is less than 12 months. This facility will enable the small importer to club together his small quota/*ad-hoc*/actual user licences for two periods and effect their imports in one lot.”

K. T. SATARAWALA,
Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

